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A Coltman Christmas

Ann Coltman has been busier than Santa's elves decorating her front lawn on Horseshoe Lake Road #1 with a homemade Rudolph and all his reindeer brethren. Ann is just one of more than 35 entries in the Christmas At Night contest, which is being judged this week. See next week's Times for the winners!



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Darren Lum

Oil spill clean-up could take weeks

by Jerry Grozelle

Clean-up of the oil spill at Moore's Falls will take weeks, if not months, to complete. Residents along the shore of the lake where the oil has settled fear the remnants may never be completely removed. But Ministry of Environment area supervisor Allan Oberholzer said the clean-up will continue until the MOE is satisfied the oil is all cleaned up.

"Initially, we thought about 500 litres had been spilled, but now, we have reason to believe it was in the neighbourhood of 1,400 litres," he said.

The spill occurred when an oil truck operator pumped the oil into a tank that was already full. The overflow spilled into the basement of a building owned by Paul Pilon. The building is a former real estate office, which is currently used for storage. The overflow escaped through a drain in the floor of the building and an unknown quantity made it to Moore Lake.

Nearby residents smelled the oil and saw a sheen on the lake. The MOE Spill Action Centre was alerted.

Immediate action was taken on the day of the spill (Wednesday, November 28) to ensure that no further oil spilled into the lake. A backhoe was brought in and a trench was dug between the spill site and the lake to contain any further oil and prevent it from reaching the lake.

A trench has been dug to prevent any further seepage," said MOE sen-

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Deadline looms for Algonquin Highlands funding paperwork

By Allison Taylor

The sand in the hourglass is quickly running out, but hopefully the money will not.

If the Township of Algonquin Highlands plans on cashing in on some extra funding from the provincial government, it needs to get its papers in order and organize them rather quickly.

Every year, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing provides municipalities with a lump sum of money, called Community Reinvestment Funding (CRF).

Last year the municipality received \$262,000 from the CRF, the largest amount a municipality can receive from that fund, said Clerk-Administrator Gerald Bain.

In exchange for this funding, which is given to municipalities which have recently undergone amalgamation, the Township is required to send an application to the Ministry detailing how it spent the previous year's funding, and how it plans to spending the next year's allotted amount.

In order to cash in on the next lump sum, the Township must submit a report to the province before

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ALF HELLEMAN

Freezing rain slows clean-up effort

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ior environmental officer Eugene Raymo. Raymo said he had checked the water course from Norland up to the spill site and found no evidence of oil downstream of where Black Creek enters Moore Lake.

Hillary Brown, president of the Moore Lake Property Owners' Association isn't convinced that all the places where oil could have migrated have been thoroughly investigated. She has volunteered to take Raymo on a tour of the water course for a more thorough search.

She is concerned about the oil that has saturated the sand along the shoreline of the lake. "We'll never get rid of it," she said.

Brown praised the quick action of Minden hills public works superintendent Clayton Cameron. "It was wonderful that he acted so fast," she said, adding that he was on site 15 minutes after he had been notified.

"A provincial officer's order was issued to the fuel delivery company to take whatever action is necessary to clean it up," Oberholzer said.

Attempts to assess the extent of the spill in the lake were hampered by the freezing rain, but by the weekend (December 1 and 2), it became clear that a significant amount of oil had found its way into the lake before

the containment trench was dug.

Dec Doran is the oil spill co-ordinator of Oil Spill Control Services, based in Toronto. He termed the Moore's Falls spill a "nightmare."

He said exploratory excavations have found oil in drainage tiles around the buildings. The soil under the house and in the area of the drainage ties has been contaminated. Doran explained that an interceptor trench has been excavated to stop many more oil from migrating to the lake. "We have to contain and control the oil before we can begin cleaning up the lake," Doran said.

He said the initial damage is done. "We'll do what we can to stabilize everything and monitor the situation," he said. "We're hoping we get a few more days of good weather so we can get as much as possible done before freeze-up."

Doran explained that a vacuum truck will be used to pick up the oil concentrations along the shoreline of the lake and then mechanical skimmers will be used to recover residual from the lake. He added that the heavier compounds in fuel oil float, while others dissolve.

Oil Spill Control Services is the company that has been hired by the insurance company representing Sid Stamp Fuels to deal with the spill.



JERRY GROZELLE/Times

What Oil Spill Control Services calls an "interceptor trench" has been dug to prevent more oil from seeping into Moore Lake. See story.

Lordy, Lordy,
look who's 40!
Happy 40th
Birthday
YOUNGMA!
Love Owen

Algonquin Highlands needs to get paperwork done to get rest of Community Reinvestment funding

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December 31. The original deadline is long past in July, but Bain told council it has been given until the end of the month to comply with the requirements of the funding.

But it still doesn't take the pressure off.

"It's important we get this application to them by the end of the month," Bain said at the December 6 council meeting.

The reason for council's tardiness is that the information required by the Ministry is not yet available. For example, a lot of the financial data for the report is derived from the 2001 audit, a

document that isn't yet complete, Bain said.

Council has apparently received 75 per cent of the 2001 funding. The money arrives in quarterly installments, Bain said.

In a worst case scenario, the Ministry could hold back the last installment or 25 per cent of the funding. But Bain said it was unlikely.

The municipal funding is capped at \$262,000, the amount the municipality has received annually for the past three years.

"We need the CRF for sure," Bain said. "In fact we could probably use a lot more than what they give us."

Council passed a resolution endorsing the application, which will be completed as soon as the numbers are available. Although members of council did not have a physical copy of the application, Bain provided a brief explanation of what he was going to do, as soon as the data was available. He said the money was spent primarily on capital projects, like the two fire trucks and on the airport hangar reconstruction, just to name a few.

The resolution was passed even though council had not actually seen the completed application, to ensure the information was mailed with the highest priority.

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Words cannot always convey our sincere gratitude. Joanne and Cindy, we hope you both know just how much we appreciate you.

Stray dogs go to Huntsville

Lost pooches in Algonquin Highlands won't go to Dysart in the new year

by Allison Taylor

The doggy in the window might not have a home, but at least he has a place to go when he gets lost.

As of January 1, 2002, any stray or lost animals found within the boundaries of Algonquin Highlands Township will be shipped to the animal shelter in Huntsville. At the council meeting on December 6, a three-year agreement between the Township and the Huntsville pound became reality.

The animal shelter will provide pound services and sell dog tags on behalf of Algonquin Highlands. It will also collect and retain any money for the use of the tags, maintain a register of the number of tags sold and will supply a copy of dog tag registrants, on a monthly basis, to the Township.

In exchange for these services, council has agreed to pay an annual fee of \$1,200 to the pound. That money will entitle the Township to pound services for up to 10 dogs per year. Any dogs taken to the animal shelter above that number will be billed to the Township at the rate of \$120 per dog.

"It's not as if we have a lot of choices," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "We don't

have people knocking on our doors willing to take our dogs."

By-law officer James Moore was concerned that the entire Township only had access to one medium-sized cage for transporting the dogs to the shelter.

Part of the agreement with Huntsville stipulates that the shelter will only supply one cage for impounding any of the dogs brought to the shelter by Moore, or another designated officer.

"I'm looking for a bigger cage," Moore told the council. "Some of these dogs are huge and just don't fit in the cage."

Clerk-Administrator, Gerald Bain wasn't overly concerned with the size of Moore's cage for pooch transportation to Huntsville.

"I don't think this is a big problem," Bain told council.

But another cage in Dorset isn't far out of reach, said Councillor Kerry Lock.

She suggested the use of her cage, in case of future encounters with mammoth pooches.

All the dogs will be scanned for microchips before they are shipped to the pound, ensuring that animals are not missing from loved ones who have paid for microchip implants.



DARREN LUM/Times

Veterinarian Nikolai Davis shows off the equipment necessary to microchip animals at the first Dog Microchip Identification Clinic for Algonquin Highlands held recently. The township has also worked out an agreement with Huntsville to handle strays. See story for details.

Help OPP officers fill a cruiser with food this holiday season

Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is teaming up again with Santa Claus and the local grocery stores in order to assist the food banks of Haliburton County.

They are asking the community to assist in helping fill the cruiser with food items that will assist in Christmas food baskets for the county.

Please come and see us at the following locations:

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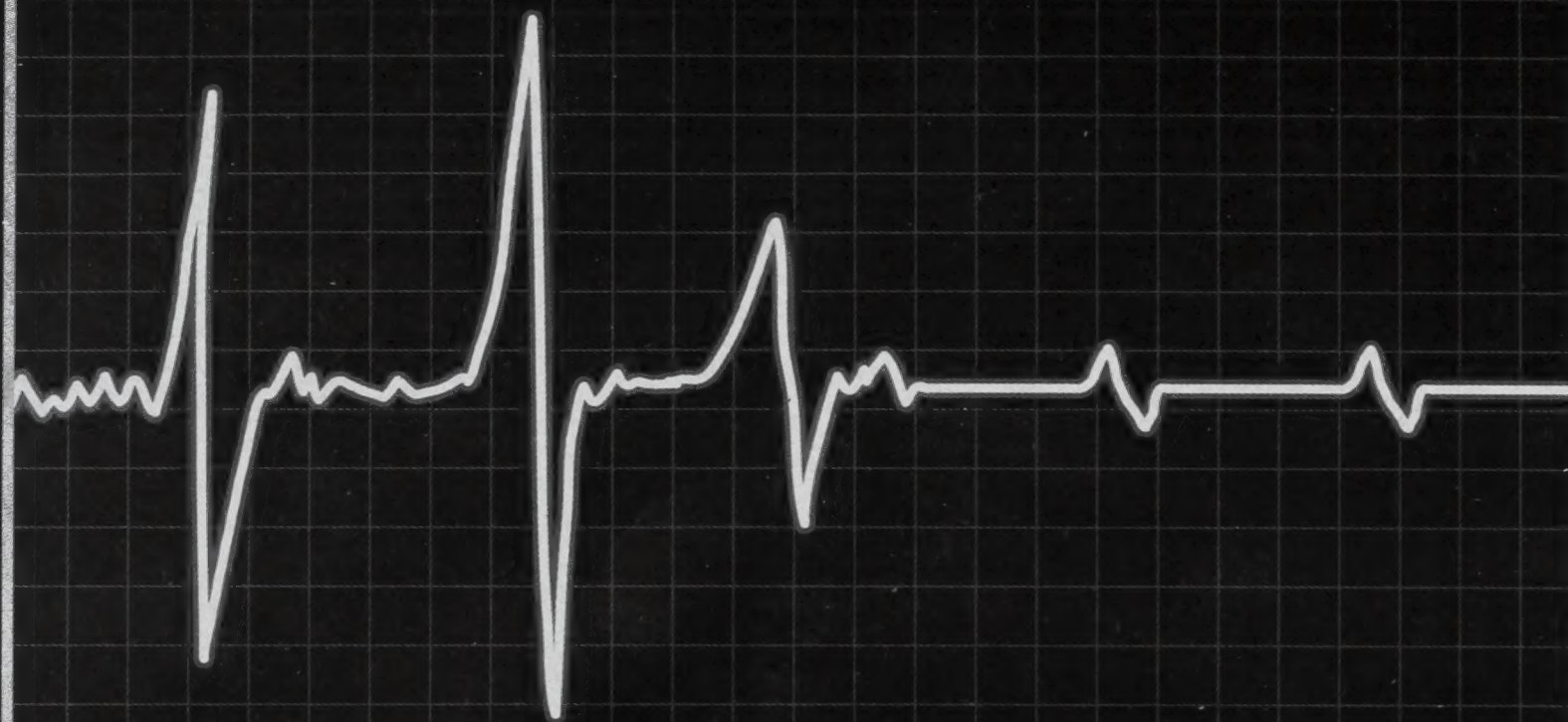
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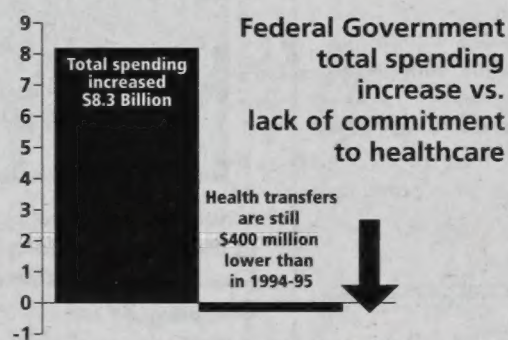
You deserve the best healthcare system in the world. Unfortunately, you won't get it unless the federal government starts pulling its weight.

The sad truth is that the single greatest threat to universal health care in this country is the fact that the federal government refuses to pay its fair share.

It used to be a 50/50 partnership between Ottawa and the provinces. Now they pay just 14 cents out of every dollar – and it's getting worse. In Ontario, like other provinces, we've made health care our top funding priority. Since 1995, we've increased spending by \$6.8 billion – \$6 billion of which has gone to health care.

But federal transfers to the provinces for health and social services this year will be \$400 million lower than in 1994. Not a single new dollar has been earmarked for health care.

Health care is your number one priority. Isn't it time it was the federal government's, too?



If Ottawa won't pay its fair share, our healthcare system will suffer.

Plainly put, if our healthcare system is to meet the demands of a population that's growing and aging – and if it is to offer us the life-saving advances we deserve – the federal government must start paying its fair share.

If it doesn't, the provinces will have difficult choices to make.

With its huge budget surplus, Ottawa can afford to do the right thing.

It's only fair that the federal government spend some of its \$17 billion surplus on safeguarding your health. After all, it's your money (and overpayment of taxes) that created the surplus.

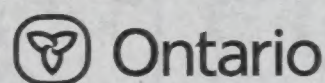
The federal government *must* make healthcare funding their number one priority. The upcoming federal budget must include a measured plan to raise federal funding of health care from its current level to the 18% level Ottawa used to provide just a few years ago.

Send a message to the Prime Minister. Call 1-888-668-4636.

Tell him that health care is your number one concern. Urge him to make health care Ottawa's number one funding priority.

Otherwise, the prognosis isn't good.

We need Ottawa to work with us for a healthier Ontario.



Can't keep the paper on the shelf!

New privies prove popular

by Allison Taylor

First they invaded Big Hawk Landing. People stared, campers gawked and line-ups started to mount.

Now, without much warning, they have infiltrated Little Hawk Lake (insert eerie music here).

That's right, the next installment of the Privy Project has officially opened its doors and is ready for use.

Little Hawk Lake now has a fully operational two-person outhouse, just like the one installed at Big Hawk Landing earlier this fall.

"It looks good," said public works wuperintendent Brian Whetstone, at the recent Algonquin Highlands council meeting. "It's up and it's working."

After considerable controversy, complaints and debate, the outhouse was built by the Algonquin Highlands public works department. Like its predecessor on Big Hawk Landing, the loo was built on high ground, with a good view of the surrounding area.

The outhouses were the subject of much discussion last summer during the annual meeting of the Halls and Hawk Lake Property Owners Association at Camp Kawabi. Camp owner Bruce Harris was concerned that campers (up to 6,000 in a summer) arrive to launch canoes and gain access to Frost Centre Crown Land and beyond.

There wasn't a washroom for weary travelers to visit once they got off the bus and people were going in the



The new privy at Big Hawk Landing has a great view!

bushes and even on private property.

At that meeting, members decided to do something about the problem and volunteered about \$500 towards the project this year – they also decided to review the matter every year for the next four years to see if they can donate more money each year. The funds were to be directed to the Algonquin Highlands, for what people at the meeting called "the Privy Project."

With any luck the new privy will be as popular as the one at Big Hawk Landing, a facility that has apparently been a convenient resource for people in need, Whetstone said.

"Let's just say we are replacing the toilet paper at an alarming rate," Whetstone said with a giggle.

Now the two-person outhouses will have a proper dedication ceremony. Councillor Tom Gardner gave two plaques to Whetstone to hang near the facilities. The plaques acknowledge the groups and organizations who donated money to the privy project.

Gardner also provided directional signage to give people sufficient warning of the privies.

The council was also concerned about the water in the outhouses freezing in the winter months.

"It really depends if you don't get snow but the weather is frigid," said deputy reeve Don Shortreed. "The water can build up where it's backfilled and easily freeze."

Whetstone said he would look into the matter.

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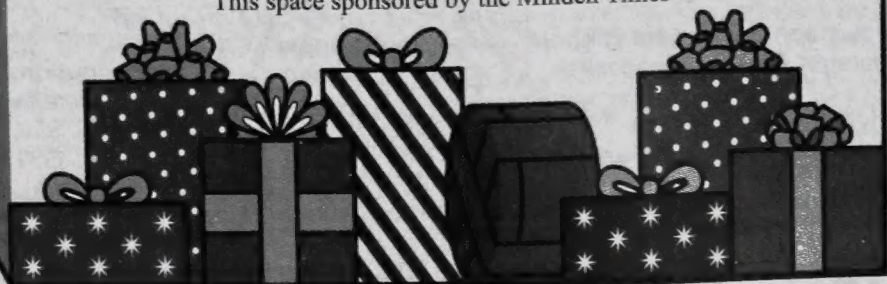
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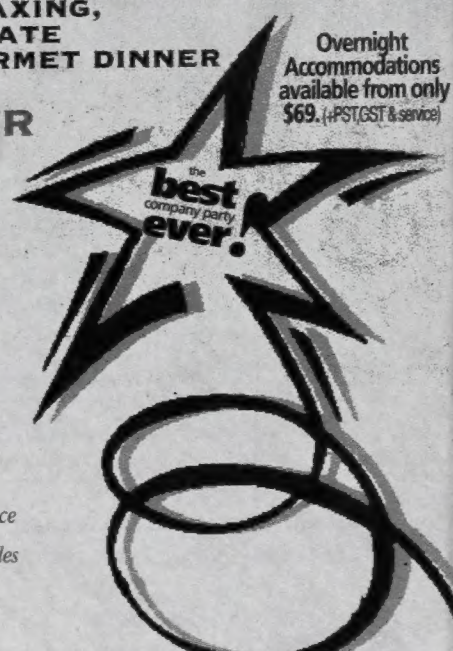
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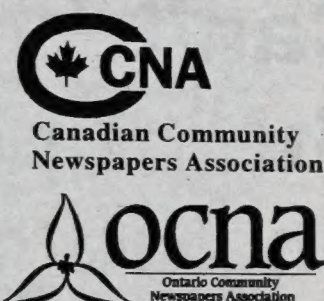
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Christmas cheer comes in many forms

Editorial

Haliburton County isn't known for its high income populace, especially during the Christmas holiday season when the seasonal residents are back in their off-season homes. But the generosity of those who call Haliburton County home is second to none.

Following are some suggestions that may help to make this Christmas season a little brighter and happier.

The Minden Fire Department will be going door-to-door asking for donations of toys or money for its toy drive. Even a small donation will help to bring some joy to a child in the community who might otherwise not have as pleasant an experience this Christmas.

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police will hold its annual "Fill the Cruiser" Food Drive again this year. The campaign was very successful last year and it is hoped the generosity of donors will surpass last year's total. A police cruiser will be in Minden on Monday, December 17 at Dollo's IGA from 10 a.m. to noon and at Easton's Valu-mart from 1 to 3 p.m. Let's do our part to make sure as many carloads of food as possible are

collected for Haliburton County's food banks.

The two examples above are just a couple of the many organized campaigns this year. There are many other ways to make a special gift this holiday season. If the wallet is thin, consider donating some time to assist with packing food boxes, wrapping toys, helping a senior with his or her decorations or installing storm windows. A visit with a friend or family member who is unable to get out and about this time of year is sure to be appreciated. An offer to take someone shopping for an hour, or to do some shopping for a person who is unable to could be another way to bring a smile to somebody's face. Taking someone for a drive to see the amazing array of Christmas lights that adorn many of the residences and businesses in your area is another way of brightening someone's evening.

The opportunities are many. Choose one, or more, and help to make this season a special one for someone in your community.

Christmas is the season for giving. By giving, or doing, what you can, you will not only make this season a little more special for a friend or neighbour, you will feel better for it yourself.

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Don't drink and drive!

Speaking of feeling better, you, your family and your friends will have a better holiday season if you refrain from drinking and driving.

The temptations to indulge in a few libations and take the chance that you won't suffer enough impairment to affect your driving can be strong. Ask any of those who have made that mistake in the past before you give in to such temptations. They will invariably tell you it wasn't worth it.

The Christmas season is not the time to suffer the needless tragedy of an crash that could kill or seriously injure yourself, a loved one, friend or complete stranger.

Notice the word accident wasn't used. It can hardly be considered an accident if someone gets behind the wheel, knowing that he or she has had a few drinks and could be impaired.

Don't let a friend or loved one drink and drive. Those who do are gamblers playing a very high-stakes game that has no winners

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A firemans' prayer

Submitted by Jack Stacey.

When I am called to duty, God
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some
life
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late,
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout,

And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.

I want to give my calling and
To give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbour
and
Protect his property.

And if according to my fate
I am to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting
hand
My children and my wife.

Congrats Minden: Santa Claus parade a big hit for everyone

To the Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to the people who organized the Santa Claus Parade. It was so very enjoyable and lots of fun. Congratulations. I would also like to say that the main street of Minden looks very nice with all the lights and decorations.

Gala Stamp
Minden

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Bored of the Rings

With Harry Potter and The Lord of the Rings movies taking the world by storm it seems that fantasy is all the rage. Well, it's about 25 years too late if you ask me.

When I was a teenager if you talked about elves, goblins, hobbits and wizards they had a word for you, and they spelled it N-E-R-D. And I should know. I helped many of the cooler kids spell it correctly.

Yes, I'm admitting here and now that I've been a Lord of the Rings fan since at least 1976 when teenagers were openly persecuted for such beliefs.

"What'dya mean you like to read?" Fellow teenagers would ask.

"It's a great book," you'd say just as they put the final touches on your wedgie and tipped you into the trashcan.

After one or two experiences like that, it was pretty much a given that you found fellow Lord of the Rings fans by secret handshakes, code words and the funny way they walked.

You'd meet in the dark recesses of the schoolyard and whisper hushed sentences about the incredible tales within this epic. When the lookout signaled that cool kids were approaching you'd then pretend to light up a cigarette or make fun of a well-liked teacher. It was dangerous work. If word leaked out you'd all be picking at the seat of your pants for the rest of the day. And, if the cool kids got you it was not much better.

But it's amazing how things turn around.

While Christmas shopping, I saw Lord of the Rings mugs, calendars, audiotapes, posters and several different versions of this now in vogue trilogy of books. And they've all been given a makeover and made sexy by those marketing people.

The result is: suddenly I'm cool. Why, I'm practically a trendsetter, in fact.



BEYOND 35
BY STEVE GALEA

That's right. I'm on top of the trivia. I'm able to give informed opinions on elf lore and say a meaningful thing or two about Gandalf and the subtle affairs of wizards. I can even confer a knowing smirk to all those people who are just discovering the genius of J.R.R. Tolkien, who is the author by the way.

This is momentous stuff. If I were single, I'd probably be a chick magnet right about now. Women can't resist intellect, which is why I've always struggled. But now, instead of "What's your sign?" I could say, "You know, I've read the trilogy three times."

The down side is that I've lost track of my old schoolmates. Otherwise I'd be returning a wedgie or two, I'll tell you. Maybe even engaging them in a one-sided conversation about the book while they tried to haul themselves out of the trashcan.

I mean here I am, my fifteen minutes of fame is running out and there's no one to impress with the fact that I knew what I was I doing all along. There's nobody to tell that my innate sense of cool was right-on even way back then; it just took the rest of the world 25 years to

catch up.

Of course, I shouldn't talk too loud just yet. After all, the movie could bomb. Today's comedians could belittle it and Lord of the Rings conventions might degrade it further. People might even turn it into a Trekkie thing. Hey, anything could happen, it's a cruel world.

Suddenly, I'd be singled out again as a person who likes fantasy literature about dwarves and fair ladies. And the Lord of the Rings books too.

But this time I'm older and wiser. I know how to handle bullies. And more than that, I'm secure in the knowledge that just because you like reading about elves and hobbits that doesn't make you a weirdo.

Still, until this whole thing sorts itself out, I'm wearing tear-away underwear.

Gimme shelter

They say that to tell a story properly, you should fix it in terms of place and time.

Okay. I live on a small Canadian island that is unsophisticated enough to have no stop lights, no four-lane highways, no mega-malls and no bridges connecting it to The Rest Of Canada. It does, however, fall under the yawning umbrella of Canadian jurisprudence. And that fact has local lawyers (alas, we have them too) scratching their talons in glee.

It's all about a bus shelter, you see. A bus shelter for school kids.

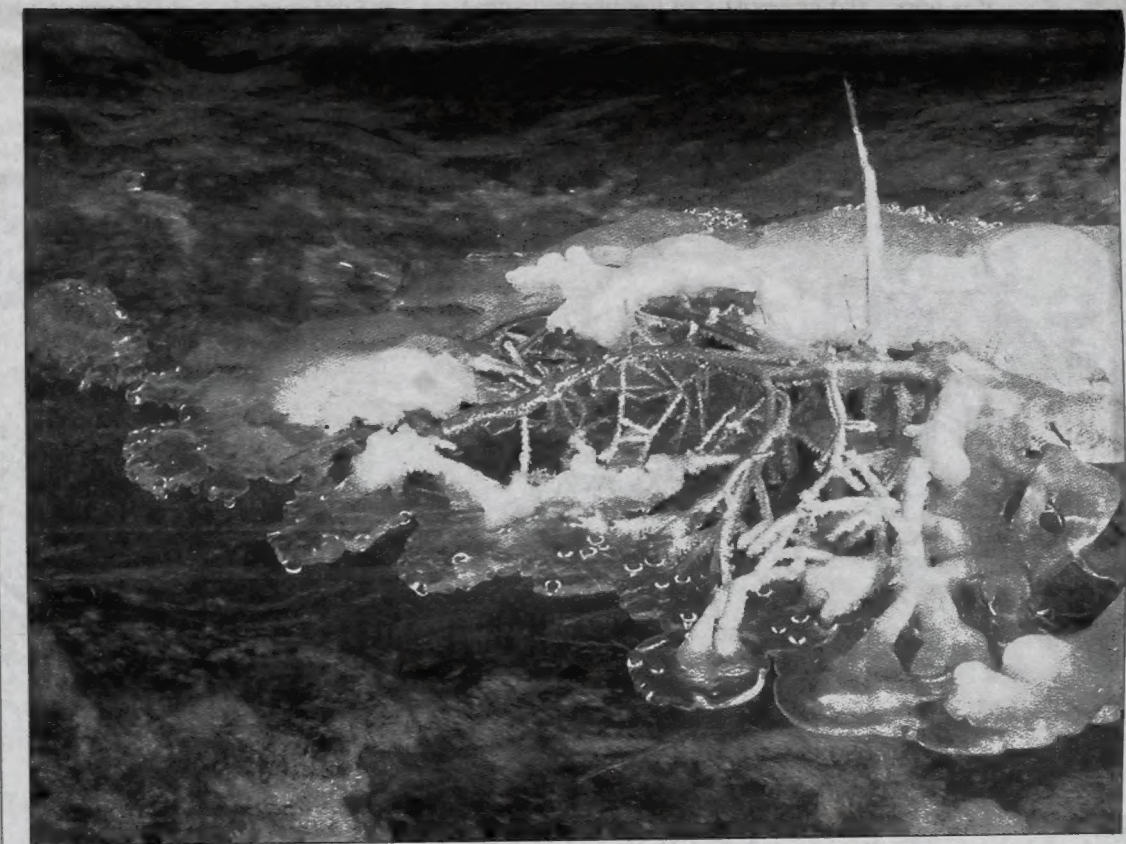
What happened was a couple of parents with school age children got tired of seeing their kids shivering in the rain and gloom each morning while they waited for the school bus. So they built a bus shelter for them.

The shelter is neat and trim, well back from the road. It keeps the kids out of the wind and rain. But it is cursed with one fatal flaw.

The builders neglected to Get A Permit. That means that, should kids huddled in the structure fall victim to an asteroid strike or a rogue logging truck commandeered by Taliban loonies, then there would be what lawyers lovingly refer to as "a liability issue."

In other words, lawsuits would start flying like autumn leaves, and who's gonna pick up the tab?

Not the school board, not the provincial govern-



A taste of things to come

Photo by Len Pizzey/Times

ment and not what passes for local government either. They've all refused to take responsibility. Unless there's a virulent outbreak of rational thinking, it looks like the shelter, and others like it, will be torn down.

It's not as if we haven't seen this before. On the outskirts of the Ontario town where I used to live there's an old stone quarry full of water. Well, not full. The water's about 30 feet down from the rim of the quarry, but it's deep and

warm in the summer months. It's been a favourite swimming hole for folks in the area for generations.

Until one night a few years back when a guy, after methodically working his way through a twenty-sixer of rum, staggered to the edge and threw himself off.

He broke his back. And then he did what so many moral midgets are doing these days - he

Arthur Black: gimme shelter continued...

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sued.

And won a settlement of \$1.3 million. The government then spent another small fortune erecting a steel and concrete fence around the perimeter of the quarry, setting up an attendant's booth and hiring staff to patrol the quarry during daylight hours. You can still swim in the quarry, but it's somewhat less than a wilderness experience - and all because some witless boozehound was too stunned to keep himself out of harm's way.

I read recently that a smoker in California who is in the process of dying from lung cancer had his court damages award reduced to a mere \$100 million. A judge who reviewed the case felt that the original award of \$3 billion granted by a jury was 'excessive'.

Ten cents would be excessive. This moron had sucked up two packs of Marlboros every day for 40 years. He claimed to be 'unaware' that there was

any health hazard.

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It's a pretty simple concept: actions have con-

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Whatever happens, it's your fault, not the taxpayers. As for the "illegal structure" sitting on the side of a road on my island - it's a shelter for school-children for God's sake. Find something significant to get neurotic about.

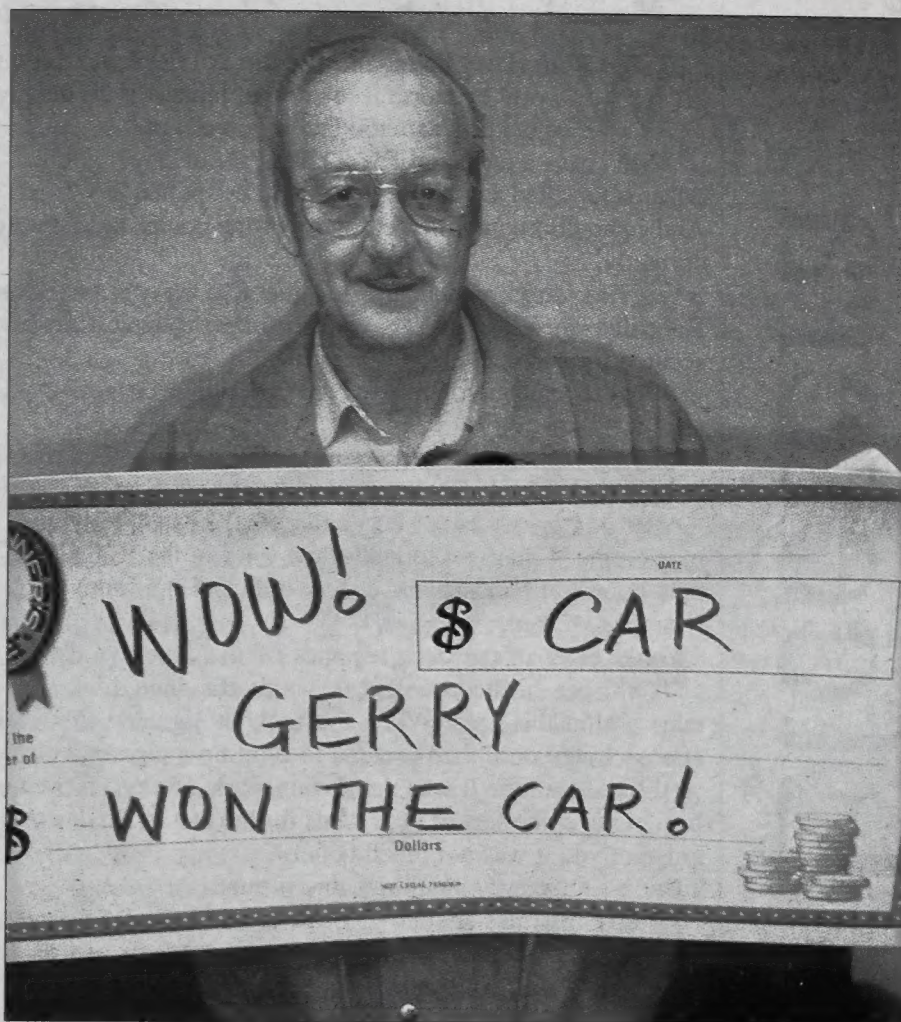
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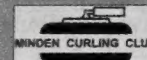
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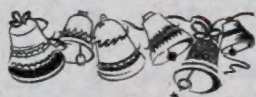
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Hyland Crest will break even

by Martha Perkins

For the first time, Hyland Crest may have achieved that delicate balance between meeting residents' needs and adhering to provincial funding.

Foster Loucks, executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, says the home for the aged in Minden will likely break even at the end of its fiscal year, or come very close to it.

It's a proud moment for the HHHS, which took over management of Hyland Crest in June.

In years past, the county has contributed up to \$600,000 a year to cover operating costs. That cost decreased steadily after Extendicare Canada was given the management contract, but even until last year the county was making a contribution.

Last year's county contribution was \$62,787.

When HHHS took over ownership from the county in June, it decided it no longer needed many of Extendicare's

services, which are now provided in-house. Extendicare still has a consulting role, especially in staff education, but Loucks says the money saved in consulting fees is going straight to providing care to residents.

"It's a feather in our cap," Loucks says of the good financial picture.

Meanwhile, in Haliburton, Loucks has some concern about next year's funding levels for Highland Wood, the 30-bed long-term care unit at the hospital.

The province funds the Highland Wood – and Hyland Crest – based on an audit of the residents' needs on one specific day. At Highland Wood, many residents require less care than residents at Hyland Crest, but that can change as residents age or if they have an illness or accident. Regardless of any changes in the residents' needs, the year's funding is based on the residents' needs on the day of the review.

Foster is concerned that based on this formula, funding for Highland Wood will be decreased next year.

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New playground launches debate

Summer resident complains about condition of tennis courts

by Allison Taylor

New playground equipment at Stanhope Park isn't providing fun and games for all residents in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Marg McFarlane, a summer resident in the Township, thinks the money spent on the playground equipment recently installed behind the municipal building and library on North Shore Road, should have been applied to maintaining the tennis courts instead.

In a letter dated November 10, McFarlane told council she was disturbed by the addition of the playground equipment.

"From my observations during the summer months, May-October, there is much more use of the tennis courts than the playground," she wrote in the letter addressed to council. "Therefore there is more need to maintain them in good condition."

McFarlane complained that the cracks in the tennis courts have increased, and if they are not attended to shortly then the price tag to resurface the courts will end up costing the council much more.

"Many residents contributed to the cost of having these two courts resurfaced a few years ago," McFarlane wrote.

"The Township has a responsibility to maintain them. Did the residents using the playground equipment contribute to the cost?" she questioned at the end of the letter, asking for acknowledgment of her letter from council.

At its meeting on December 6, the council was aghast by the tone and the subject of the letter, and Reeve Eleanor Harrison was "very disappointed."

"The two aren't remotely comparable," Harrison said, referring to the tennis courts and the playground equipment. "The letter was uncalled for and I'm not happy at all."

To her knowledge, Harrison said the council had not received any phone calls or comments regarding the tennis courts.

A simple phone call or a letter about the condition of the tennis courts would have been sufficient to update the council, she said.

Apparently there haven't been any donations in the boxes located outside of the tennis courts.

Moreover, the playground equipment was replaced because of safety concerns, said Stanhope councillor Tom Gardner. "Not for esthetics."

The council had a rather intense conversation over the letter.

The funding for the equipment was not from tax dollars, said Clerk-Administrator, Gerald Bain.

The money was raised by private donations, recreational fundraising, sale of the old equipment and donations from the Stanhope Soccer Club, said Bain.

"Even if tax dollars were involved, we shouldn't have to justify that," said Councillor Jim Hicks.

Harrison was concerned with the letter and the message it sent to council.

"All she (McFarlane) had to do was



Algonquin Highlands recently replaced the old playground equipment in Stanhope.

approach council about the (tennis) courts," she said. "I get the feeling that people think this council and this administration are not approachable."

The council members decided to write a letter back to McFarlane explaining not only

how the funds were raised for the playground, but also that the two projects are entirely separate endeavors, both that required the attention of council, said Harrison.

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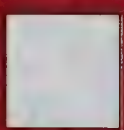
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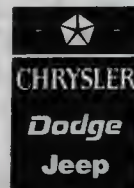
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Algonquin Highlands celebrates Christmas in style



Christmas luncheon in Dorset:

The food was plentiful and there were several people willing to eat it, at the Algonquin Highlands Christmas luncheon on the afternoon of December 2. Events started around 1 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, with music, chatter and lots of smiling faces competing with tantalizing tarts and other fare. After the celebration, guests stopped in at the Firehall for the official lighting of the tree for hot dogs and hot chocolate.

Photos by Allison Taylor

9-1-1 committee still aiming for July 2004 launch

by MARTHA PERKINS

The following are brief reports of items from the report of the county's 9-1-1 co-ordinator, Stephen Foster, to county council last Wednesday.

With a little bit of determination and resolve, the county should be able to live up to its goal of having 9-1-1 in place by July 2004.

"I'm quite optimistic we can reach that deadline," said county CAO Gary King after Highlands East Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner asked if the existing timetable was still the model being used.

"If someone backed you into the corner and twisted your arm, would you still say we're on track with this," Viner asked.

Foster paused, then said "there is a game plan" that's being adapted as the project steadily moves ahead.

The county was about three months late in formally establishing its 9-1-1 committee this past winter but since then, work has been keeping fairly apace with schedule.

King hopes that some of the time can be made up by tendering the sign installation job as four separate tenders, instead of having it as one job for the entire county. That way, signs can be installed concurrently throughout the county.

"If we all work towards maintaining the time frame, we can achieve it," King said. "We've had very good support of late and it's certainly helped us catch up to the point it should be."

Yellow markers

As a first step towards signage, numbered yellow stakes will be placed at each and every property throughout the county. This number will help the committee identify properties; it will not be the property's final 9-1-1 number.

Ontario Works employees are painting the stakes with primer then yellow paint. They're completing about 500 stakes (1,000 coats of paint) a day.

"We average about seven to nine people a

day except in deer season," Foster smiled. A total of 32,000 stakes are needed. "We should have it done by mid-January."

Where's Vinegar Hill?

The provincial command of the OPP has asked counties throughout the province to give it a list of places that don't exist on a map.

For instance, if you called in an accident at the bottom of Vinegar Hill, the dispatcher would not be able to find Vinegar Hill on a map. Yet everyone knows it's on the Essonville Line, right?

Foster said that when the hunter accidentally shot himself in Hindon last month, the dispatcher had problems locating where the accident took place because all the place names were part of the local vernacular.

Road names

As the road naming project winds down, the committee has established there are 1,652 private and public roads in the county.

All of those roads need to be named.

Property owners have been asked to come up with names for any private road that services three or more properties. The final deadline for public suggestions for those names is January 1, 2002 "unless requested to resolve disputes or duplications."

Foster thanked Dysart et al roads superintendent Miles Maughan and Minden Hills roads superintendent Kevin Hill for their help recently with the naming of roads in their municipalities.

A suggestion

The 9-1-1 committee is repeatedly getting requests for the new road names. At first it was the various emergency services providers, who are getting calls from people who are already using the new names, but now outside groups are also requesting the information.

Foster said the county should come up with a policy about disclosing the information.

Six fined for fish, wildlife violations

Six people have been fined \$7,300 for separate violations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and Public Lands Act.

Harvey Townsend, 40, of Cardiff, has been fined \$2,000 and Derek W. Townsend, 23, of Bancroft, has been fined \$1,500 on eight different charges stemming from an incident last month. Court was told one of the men illegally shot an antlerless deer along the edge of a road and then both men trespassed on property owned by Scouts Canada to retrieve the animal. In addition to the fine, Harvey Townsend's hunting privileges have been suspended for one year.

Joseph J. Vella, 51, of Oshawa, has been fined \$1,000 and Walter K. Harrison, 70, of Haliburton, has been fined \$1,300 in connection with the shooting of a bull moose and illegal transfer of a game seal. The court heard that in October 2001, Vella shot a bull moose for which neither he nor any member of his hunting party had a game seal. Harrison helped gut and drag the animal out of the bush and then arranged for another individual to provide a game seal. In addition to the fine, Vella's hunting privileges have been suspended for a year.

Peter L. Forsyth, 75, of Uxbridge has been fined \$1,000 for unlawfully shooting and possessing an antlerless deer. The court heard that during this fall's deer hunt, Conservation Officers checked members of Forsyth's hunting camp. They claimed they had not taken any deer, but officers discovered a deer had been shot near the camp, transported to another site and then sealed with a game seal from another wildlife management unit.

Roman Symoniv, 45, of Etobicoke, has been fined \$500 under the Public Lands Act for illegally building a retaining wall along the Burnt River in Somerville Township. He was also ordered to remove the illegal wall and concrete fill.

Justice of the Peace D. Jackson heard the cases in Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on December 6, 2001.

The public is asked to protect their natural resources by reporting violations to their local MNR office or to call CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Drunk drivers beware: RIDE rides again

The Ontario Provincial Police Festive RIDE program kicked off last Thursday, in spite of the icy road conditions. Although officers from the local OPP Detachment investigated no fewer than nine traffic accidents on the day of the Festive RIDE campaign because of the icy road conditions, when the roads became safer later in the day, the RIDE checks got under way.

Haliburton Highlands OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli said this year's campaign will see spot checks every day, somewhere in Haliburton County, unless other calls take precedence or weather conditions prevent operating the checks safely.

Statistics from the Festive RIDE campaign will be released weekly over the five weeks of the campaign, which ends January 2.



JERRY GROZELLE/Times

Almost clear for take-off

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Camping restrictions at the Frost Centre

by MARTHA PERKINS

Next summer, campers may no longer have free reign of the Frost Centre's "back country experience."

Concerned about the environmental impact of having up to 30 campers at a single site, the Frost Centre Area Co-ordination Committee has just received county council's support in a bid to restrict the number of campers per site during the busy summer months.

In the future, the committee may also request campers to pay a small fee to help recoup the costs of patrolling and maintaining the sites.

Because the Frost Centre is Crown land, as opposed to a provincial park, it is not allowed to impose restrictions or charge usage fees, manager Keith Clark explained to county council last Wednesday. Crown land is open to anyone.

With the county agreeing to apply for a land use permit on

the co-ordination committee's behalf, the committee could set new rules and regulations for use of the Frost Centre's 24,000 hectares.

For the good of the land, the committee says the rules are desperately needed.

Committee member Larry Hewitt, who joined Clark in making the presentation to council, says that overcrowding of campsites is particularly bad in the 1,300-hectare Clear Lake Conservation Reserve. Camps from outside the county bring in 30 campers at a time and another busload will arrive the next day.

"These campsites may have 30 people a night every night for two or three weeks," he said.

Committee member Jim Nighswander tested the water in front of a campsite on Clear Lake. Test results showed the e.coli count to be three times higher than at other areas. The pit toilet - nothing more than a toilet-seat covered box - was only four metres from the shore.

"If you went up after a weekend, there's toilet paper all over the ground like snowflakes. It's terrible," Hewitt said.

Volunteers with the Haliburton Association of Recreational Canoeists (HARC) have done a tremendous job in cleaning up many of these sites. They have also installed boxed privies in environmentally-friendly locations.

But no clean-up project can keep up with the demands placed on the land when hundreds of campers come to call.

The committee's terms of reference says the Frost Centre "is considered one of Ontario's Crown land treasures. However, the area's incredible back country experience has resulted in increasing use which has reached a level that raises concerns about its impact to the resources. Damage from the recreational use can cause detrimental effects to the fragile terrain and invites the question of whether this pressure is sustainable."

Under guidelines being drafted by the committee, restrictions would be placed on how many campers a night can be at each of the 120 campsites within the Frost Centre.

"We'll still have the same number of people camping but they'll do it in a more environmentally friendly way," Hewitt said.

By agreeing to be the sponsoring agent for a land use permit application, the county supported the committee's initiatives. The committee will continue to manage the property "We want to lead this process on your behalf," Clark said.

Some county councillors worried about enforcing the land use permit by-law since the county does not have a by-law enforcement officer.

Enforcement could be done by municipal by-law officers or, it's hoped, students who could be hired in the summer to patrol the sites. With the county's endorsement, the committee feels it will be in a better position to ask for funding.

Warden Murray Fearrey says that any by-law would be beneficial to control overuse throughout the county, not just at the Frost Centre. "If it happens anywhere else in the county we'll have the tools to deal with it."

And that threat exists, Hewitt says. He says that with new restrictions being imposed at Frost Centre and the new Kawartha Highlands signature site, more campers will look to Crown lands in neighbouring municipalities.

Algonquin Highlands is the municipality most affected by the increased use of the Frost Centre because it contains the 11 access sites. Recently, it joined forces with the Halls/Hawk Lake property owners association to build a double privy at the Hawk Lake landing. Busloads of kids would arrive there to start their canoe trips and after the long ride, would have nowhere to answer the call of nature. They'd often end up using the nearby bush or roadside area. Now they can use the privy.

"It may be Algonquin Highlands' problem now," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "but it's someone else's problem later. In order for this group to move forward, they need our support badly."

She also noted that the lands in question are the headwaters of systems that flow south. "If we don't look after the water, it will affect the entire county. Time is of the essence."

It is not known how the camps will respond to any new regulations since the camps have not sent any representatives to committee meetings even though they've been invited to attend.

"Rather than imposing rules on them we want people to be part of the solution," Clark said.

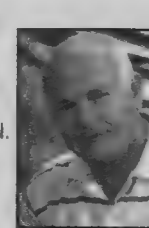


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4. Take the wrapped gift and place it under the Christmas Wish Tree.

The deadline is December 20. Seen here with the Christmas Wish Tree are, standing (left) TD Canada Trust Minden Branch Manager Joanne Camelon and standing (right) Pathfinder Leader June Hendry. Kneeling front (l and r) are: Joanna Coles and Heather Kennedy. Back (l and r): Angela Willings and Deanne McKay.

The Canadian Nature Federation is looking for volunteers

The Canadian Nature Federation is looking for volunteers to participate in IceWatch, its newest nature monitoring program.

IceWatch, a partnership with Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network (EMAN), is recruiting average Canadians to report yearly ice-on and ice-off dates at local lakes and rivers. The data will be used to monitor the effects of climate change on aquatic ecosystems in Canada.

"We know that a network of citizen scientist volunteers can make a valuable contribution," says Julie Gelfand, executive director of the Canadian Nature Federation. "Their work can help increase our understanding of what's going on in the world around us - like global warming and climate change."

"Several scientific studies have shown a correspondence between the timing of ice events and/or the length of the ice season and seasonal air temperature conditions," says Dr. Claude Duguay, geography professor at Laval University and scientific advisor for IceWatch. "Thus the data provided by ice-watchers can be used as a good indicator of climate variability and change."

IceWatch is the third in a series of community-based environmental monitoring programs co-sponsored by the CNF, called NatureWatch. Other programs include Frogwatch and Wormwatch.

IceWatch provides an opportunity for the general public to get involved in the study of the impacts of climate change on aquatic ecosystems in Canada. Climate change is not consistent across the country, and there are large gaps in current monitoring. A network of ice-watchers spread throughout Canada can help supply scientists with the information they need.

Using the information found on the IceWatch brochure or national IceWatch Web site, volunteers can learn how to select a site and submit observations. Participants can submit data directly through the Internet at www.icewatch.ca (English) or www.veil-leaugel.ca (French), or mail their observation sheets to the EMAN Coordinating Office.

CNF is also looking for veteran ice-watchers. Many Canadians have kept records for years, and even generations. These long-term records are valuable sources of information, and are already being used by scientists to study changes in the Canadian climate. As an added incentive, free IceWatch t-shirts will be offered to volunteers who can contribute 10 years or more of historical records.

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County council briefs

Fish hatchery reels in support from warden on funding request

by MARTHA PERKINS

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting. This was the last meeting with Warden Murray Fearrey as chair. A new warden will be chosen by county councillors at a meeting on December 11.

Council should consider a request for funding from the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association even though the county has a policy which says it won't make donations to non-profit organizations, Warden Murray Fearrey said.

"The county can't fund everything so we need to prioritize and in my view, this is one of our priorities," Fearrey said after a presentation from HHOA president Larry Hewitt.

The HHOA wants the county to contribute to a trust fund it hopes to set up with funding from the province. This trust fund, plus the interest it generates, would be used to help pay some of the expenses at the HHOA's fish hatchery.

"Volunteers don't get burned out by work, they get burned out by the stress of worrying where the money will come from," Hewitt says.

He outlined the HHOA's achievements over the past decade, chief among them the construction of the hatchery and the subsequent project to stock lakes with Haliburon Gold, a glacial relic lake trout found only in the Highlands.

HHOA volunteers provided 7,000 hours of free labour last year alone. Fearrey said "If they get discouraged... Well, I just don't think we can allow that to happen."

Fearrey noted that fishing is an important part of the local economy, and with fish from the hatchery going to lakes within the county and beyond, the entire county should be supporting its efforts.

Fearrey believes the county should be able to find a way to support the HHOA even though its policy says it will not give grants to non-profit organizations. Fearrey noted that the county gives an annual grant to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

"We're buying a service (from the Chamber)," Minden Hills Ross Rigney responded in defence of the Chamber grant, to which Hewitt said "and we're delivering you fish."

The matter will be discussed during budget negotiations. In the meantime, the county is supporting the HHOA's request to submit a funding application to the province's Ontario Living Legacy Trust. A previous request from the HHOA was turned down, even though Hewitt says the HHOA fits the Trust's mandate perfectly.

As to his constant quest for funds, Hewitt says "I'm running a fine line between 'the squeaky wheel gets the grease' and 'the squawking chicken gets the ax.'"

Voice mail

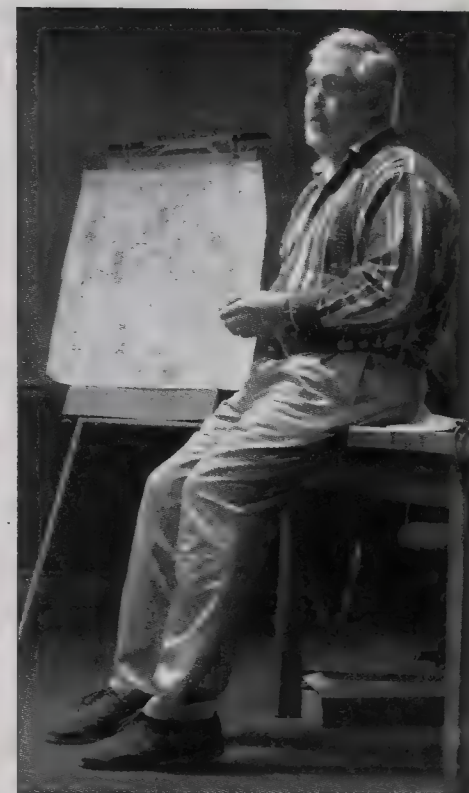
If county council agrees to a staff suggestion to get a new telephone system that includes voice mail, there's going to be one rule: a real person has to answer the phone when someone calls the county office.

"I hate voice mail," Fearrey said. "It smacks of big government and everyone knows how that rings (with the public)."

He cited frustration when trying to phone any branch of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the time it takes to go through the menu of options to reach someone. He would not like callers to the county to have to go through that.

However, CAO Gary King reassured him that's not the system the staff had in mind. Instead, when someone phones him, he wants the caller to simply have the option of leaving a voice mail message for him. Right now, if a caller doesn't want to leave a message with the office asking King to call back, the caller has to re-dial King's own private line to leave a voice mail message.

"At least half of the week I'm away from my office," King said, arguing for the need of voice mail. "I'd like new and modern



Larry Hewitt outlines HHOA's achievements over the past decade.

technology because it makes our job easier."

Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East have a similar system already in place.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison says that her CAO, who wasn't in favour of voice mail in the beginning, now says it's much better than having various staff members take paper messages for him.

The county's treasurer, Shannon Hunter, says that if council agrees to invest in voice mail technology, a policy will have to be devised to ensure that staff don't use voice mail as a way of avoiding answering the phone.

"I can live with that kind of a system," Fearrey said after staff outlined why they wanted voice mail. As well, he noted that the county has been paying \$127 a month to Bell for basic service and yet doesn't own the phones. With the new system being considered — the issue will come up at budget time in the spring — the county would buy or lease the equipment.



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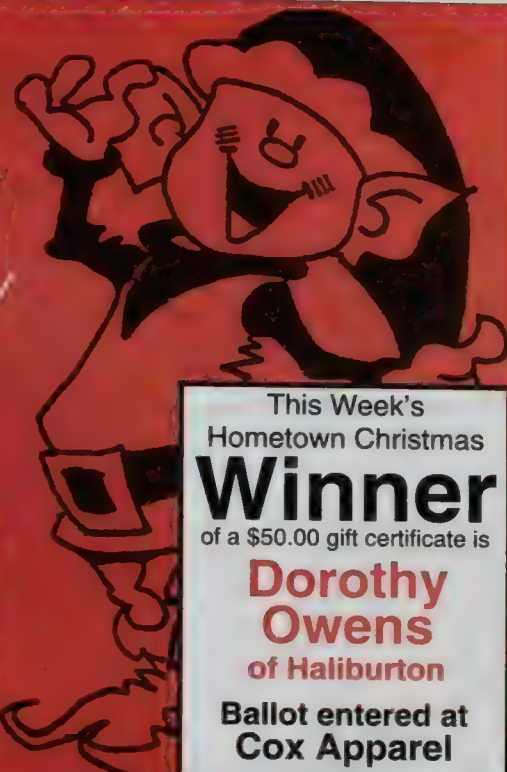
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* Sylvan Memory Book Idea: Have your child write about her favourite book you read as a family and draw a picture of her favourite character, setting or plot.

Day Three: Family History. Call or visit a family member you haven't seen in a while, or have your child talk to their grandparents about what their lives were like as children.

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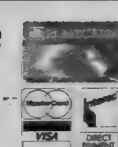
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Seven days of holiday fun

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* Sylvan Memory Book Idea: Take pictures of the family in their starring roles. Autograph the pictures and create a playbill for your theatrical masterpiece.

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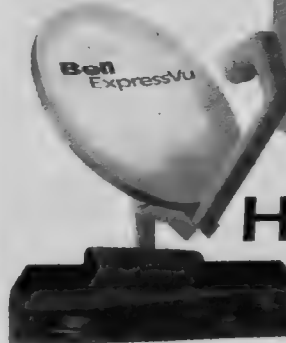
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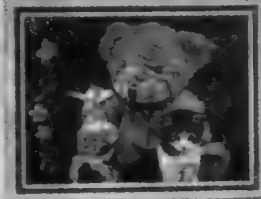


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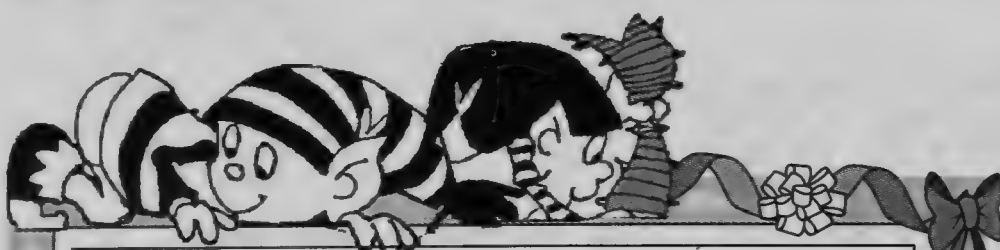
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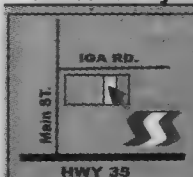
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| 1 | Ontario Onion, diced |
| 2 | cloves Ontario Garlic, minced |
| 1/2 tsp. (2 mL) | dried basil leaves |
| 1 tbsp (15 mL) | each balsamic vinegar and water |
| 1/2 cup (125 mL) | diced smoked ham (such as Black Forest) or
prosciutto |
| 2 tbsp (25 mL) | chopped fresh parsley |
| 1/2 cup (125 mL) | freshly grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese |
| | Salt and pepper |

Slice baguette into 1/3-inch (8 mm) thick rounds. Brush with a little olive oil and broil until lightly golden in colour.

Clean mushrooms; slice small ones and chop larger ones to make about 4 cups (1 L).

In large nonstick skillet, heat remaining oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook until lightly softened, about 1 minute. Stir in mushrooms and garlic; cook for 4 minutes. Stir in basil, then add vinegar and water; cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until liq-

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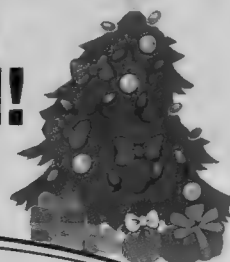
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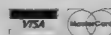
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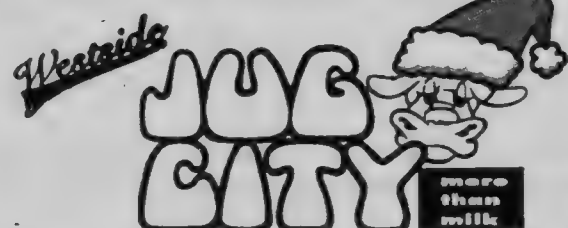
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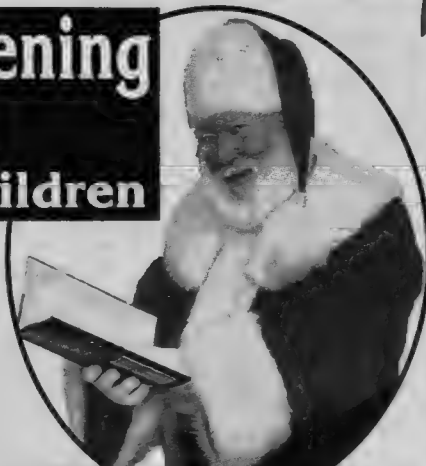
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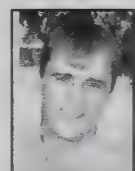
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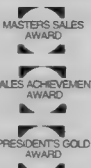
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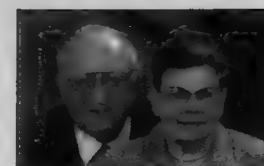
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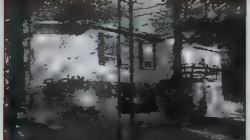
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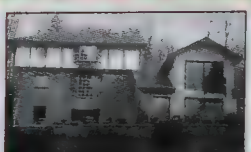
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This season, for a very small increase in the price of a pass, we will have the use of Moosewoods Trails. We are hoping that many more people who have been intimidated in the past by the steep hills in other parts of the trail system will now come out and enjoy the gentle slopes at Moosewoods. Invite your friends to join! Moosewoods would be a great place to

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province. The Jackrabbit Ski League is a skill development program, with badge levels for children aged four to 12. Each child is registered with Cross Country Canada. The Saturday classes start with warm-up exercises, followed by Nordic skills and games, depending on the ability and age of the child. At 2:45 everyone heads to the clubhouse for hot chocolate. There's no better way to learn the fundamentals of skiing.

The club also supports a youth ski team

aimed at youngsters in the 12 to 15 year-old range. Last year the members of this squad distinguished themselves with strong finishes at the provincial level. You can't help but get the feeling that coach Marcel Crete will soon have an athlete who goes on to the national team.

The seniors' mid-week ski group will once again be meeting as a group to enjoy all the trail system has to offer.

Meanwhile, remember that the club will arrange for volunteer work for anyone who wishes to ski but can't afford the price of a membership. With the sudden economic changes this fall, some may be feeling that skiing is an extravagance. It is not. Sport and healthy recreation should be available to all, and the ski club has an on-going commitment to making sure that everyone can ski.

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Tuesday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 216; Mona Benn 185

High single: Bruce Ross 266; Mona Benn 268

High single (handicap): Bruce Ross 316; Mona Benn 302

High triple: Ken Thompson/Ed Braithwaite 601; Mona Benn 660

High triple (handicap): Bruce Ross 723; Mona Benn 762

Wednesday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 218; Marie Thompson 188

High single: Bob Bullen 335; Mona Benn 202

High single (handicap): Bob Bullen 363; Diane Boll 243

High triple: Bob Bullen 757; Mona Benn 584

High triple (handicap): Bob Bullen 871; Mona Benn 680

Thursday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 261; Josie Cheesman 195

High single: Ken Thompson 328; Josie Cheesman 224

High single (handicap): Barry Robb 278; Lillian Allen 259

High triple: Ken Thompson 783; Josie Cheesman 586

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Top team

TOP TEAM: The rink of Gord Wood (skip), Doug Brown (vice), Melanie Vigrass (second) and Kim Wood (lead), left to right, took top honours in a Curling Bonspiel to raise funds for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Along with the usual fare of steaks for the winners, the Wood rink also received a cash prize, which was donated back to the Foundation. The bonspiel was held at the Minden Curling Club on December 1.

Cathy Snell rolls 331 single

Legion 636 Mixed League
 High average: Bob Vankoughnet 192; Elli Langpohl 169
 High single: Gord Martin 229; Elli Langpohl 199
 High single (handicap): Maurice Winterflood 279; Marie Dennie 261
 High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 594; Elli Langpohl 562
 High triple (handicap): Len Kroes 718; Elli Langpohl 700

Monday Night Mixed Match Play

High average: Scott Moore 246; Cathy Snell 231
 High single: Scott Moore 318; Michelle Moore 259
 High single (handicap): Doug Schell 257; Teresa Clement 279
 High triple: Scott Moore 807; Cathy Snell 684
 High triple (handicap): John Stephenson 715; Teresa Clement 724

Tuesday Night Mixed League
 High average: Scott Moore 247; Cathy Snell 240
 High single: Walter Stegmaier/Ed Graham 295; Cathy Snell 331

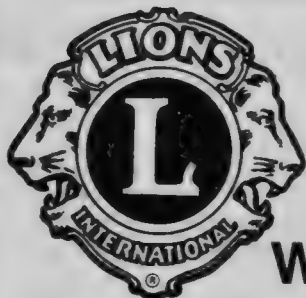
High single (handicap): Ed Graham 313; Linda Graham 302
 High triple: Walter Stegmaier 699; Cathy Snell 732
 High triple (handicap): Walter Stegmaier 732; Linda Graham 753

Thursday Night Mixed League

High average: Doug Reinwald 213; Debbie Cox 171
 High single: Doug Reinwald 231; Debbie Cox 182
 High single (handicap): Doug Reinwald 257; Helen McKirdy 241
 High triple: Rick Ratcliffe 601; Debbie Cox 449
 High triple (handicap): Rick Ratcliffe 691; Helen McKirdy 646

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

(November 29)
 High average: Ed Braithwaite 196; Mona Benn 187
 High single: Ben Dentinger 231; Mona Benn 212
 High single (handicap): Ben Dentinger 274; Jean Stead 245
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Euchre and cribbage scores

Euchre Results from Club 35

50/50 draw: Alf Whyman
Lone hands: Jean Randell
High lady: Loretta Lamb
High man: Garth Windsor
Low lady: Olive Jones
Low man: Chris Clarke
Baloney: Loretta Lamb

Minden Legion 636

Seniors' bid euchre

First: Rob Evans
Second: Pat Scadden
Third: Len Kroes
Fourth: Georgina Parkes
High score: Ida Young, Wane Jones and Norm Lee
Moonshots: Dorothy McElwain, Ida Young, Jean and Pat Scadden.

Minden Legion euchre

(November 29)
Most lone hands - ladies: Maria Tschida
Most lone hands - men: Paul Dawson
High score - ladies: Bess Cox
High score - men: Orval Francis
Low - lady: Kathy Whiteside
Low - man: Dean Chambers
Other prizes: Doug Currie, Tom Orr, Helen Skelding and Linda Jones

Minden Legion euchre

(December 6)
Most lone hands - ladies: Linda Jones
Most lone hands - men: Gala Stamp
High score - ladies: Doreen Francis
High score - men: John Mallon

Low - lady: Elva Paisley
Low - man: Marcel Roussel
Other prizes: Flo Roussel, Georgina Parkes, Pearl Cowan and Orville Francis.

Kinmount bid euchre

High score: Margaret Hetcher, Mildred St. Homes
Moonshots: Kevin Maloney, Ester Lee, Vic Balik, Marjorie Paradis.
Share the Wealth: Dorothy McElvain and Isabel Chevenka.

Minden Legion 636 bid euchre

(November 27)
First - Jean Scadden; second - Pat Scadden; third - Pat Roussel; fourth - Elva Paisley
Moonshots - Ida Young, Gladys wruth and Jim Corbett
Draws - Thelma Francis, Dorothy McElwain and Barbara Dunbar

Cribbage

(December 3)
First - Esther Lee; second - Syd Adamson
Draws - Dean Chambers, Marie Dennie, Jean Scadden and Pat Scadden
Friendship Club
(December 3)
Lone hands: Lady - Gladys Wruth; Men - Joyce Ritchie
High scores: Lady - Jean Keliele; Man - Jesse Barlow
Low score - Betty Barlow
Draws - Pearl Cowen, Lynda Jones and Gala Stamp

Stanhope Seniors' shuffleboard scores

Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social club Mixed Shuffleboard League results for December 4:
High scores: Betty Lockhart and Beverley Alexander 361; Alf Briscoe and Laura Carnegie 263; Howard Smith and Lillian Allen 260.
Low score: Pearl Cowen (no partner) 96.
Scores from November 27 Stanhope

Seniors Social Club shuffleboard were as follows:
High scores: Beverley Alexander and Iris Freeman 370; Nick Nimigon and Marvel Eager 337; George Hamilton and Helen Skelding 333.
Low score: Alf Briscoe and Ellen Holden 154.

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St. Peter's, Maple Lake

9:15 am Family Sung Communion
4:00 pm Candlelight Service & Pot Luck

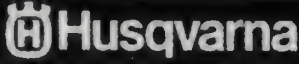
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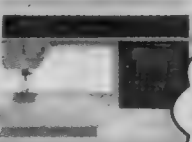
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Library hours not sustainable

Federal government reduces CAP funding

by MARTHA PERKINS

Book lovers may find their passion curtailed unless the county can find some way to recoup the funding it's losing for the Community Access (Internet) Program.

The county is facing a \$20,000 shortfall now that the federal government is reducing its funding for the CAP sites.

In Haliburton County, many of those CAP sites are in the county's various library branches. A few years ago, when CAP was initiated, federal funding was used to increase hours of operation at the libraries.

Today, the county thinks it can afford to continue offering the CAP sites, but it doesn't know where it will find the money to sustain the existing library hours. The subsidy from CAP was "a great deal of money in the library's budget," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor

Harrison said at Wednesday's county council meeting. "It's quite a loss."

The library board will be meeting to discuss where the shortfall in its budget will have to come from. "CAP can be sustainable but not the extra library hours," Harrison says.

In other library board news, Harrison was pleased to report that the Stanhope Soccer League donated \$750 to the library in recognition of how much use the Stanhope library gets during soccer evenings.

"On soccer night, the library is swamped with children," Harrison said, adding that she was thrilled to find out children are still reading books.

Volunteers with the county board are getting more involved on a regional level and Harrison says their interest is paying dividends. "There's a lot of help out there to tap into," she said.



JERRY GROZELLE/times

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Last Thursday we had a lovely Tea Party with the Minden Legion graciously hosting. They provided everything for an enjoyable afternoon. We sang birthday greetings for all our

Tuesday morning Chapel Service was given by Linda as Pastor Taylor could not be with us. We thank Linda for stepping in and reminding us the true meaning and why Christmas came to be. With all the hustle and bustle, we sometimes forget what we are really getting ready to celebrate.

Tuesdays, as usual, bring our euchre players out ready to either redeem themselves or to boast about their triumph of the previous week's games. This week we report that Margaret Besse and Edna Trumbull won three games to one against Mary Goldsmith and Alice Sedgewick. Jean Cox

Senior League by the Roving Reporters

birthday celebrants for the month of November and enjoyed their delicious (calorie free) goodies, thank you for a pleasant afternoon.

Friday we had our workout exercises in the morning and our evening was filled with the beautiful sounds of the Salvation Army Christmas Band, along with traditional Christmas carols and fellowship. Christmas would not be the same without these wonderful, loyal and giving people. We thank them for their Christmas parcels and for spreading their Christmas love.

We have so many people to thank for the success of our Christmas bake and craft sale. It took place on Saturday and we thank all who came and supported us. We send a special thank you to all those who gave baked goods, crafts and, of course, their time. Without you, this fund-raising event could not be possible.

On Sunday, Chapel Service was held by Barb Trocewicz as Reverend Merv Everall was unable to attend. Thank you Barb for your wonderful message and spiritual reading. We also thank Ann McAdam for playing the organ as it always makes service just that more special.

On Monday we had a very pleasant celebration as Lilian Millar invited us to celebrate her 95th birthday with her, along with family and friends and a beautiful birthday cake. Lilian would like to thank everyone for such a wonderful day, which she will always remember. In speaking with Lilian she attributes her longevity to the love and caring of her family. In her words "I have an amazing family."

joined in with Keith Bannigan but lost three games to one against Lilian Millar and Roy Nicholls, while Blanche Wright and Harold Orsborn won two games to one against Marj Watt and Bill Redgrave.

Some residents managed to get out and do some Christmas shopping at Home Hardware. Each year the Pentneys arrange for us to enjoy shopping and make us feel quite special by graciously serving coffee and goodies. Those who went also reported they managed to pick up a few things they could check off their list.

The Norland Hillbillies once again entertained us with their toe-tapping music. Thanks to these caring people for a great evening.

Leisure bath — who was the lucky one this time? None other than Blanche Wright. We are all either looking forward to this indulgence or to rave about it. It's like going on a holiday and never leaving the building.

Next week we have four birthday wishes to send out, Betty Emslie, Hazel Gregory, Hazel Whittaker and Harriet Loucks. Happy Birthday ladies!

Well, I think we have covered all the news for this week, but be sure that by next week we shall have lots more to tell. Until then take care, stay well and get your Christmas shopping done!

Hi Sheila, we miss you.

Lilian Harrison would like to share this poem with everyone...

Whatever you are, be that
Whatever you do, be true
Be honest in fact,
Straight-forwardly act
Be nobody else but you!

Minden and area weather

by Phil Graham

	C	F
Average high	8.5	47.3
Average low	0.5	32.9
Average for the month	4.5	40.1
Average for last November	0	32.0
Highest temp. Nov. 1	18.0	64.4
Lowest temp. Nov. 12	-7.0	19.4
Rain 79.2 mm	3.1 in.	
Snow 1.0 cm	in.	
Total precipitation	80.2 mm	3.15 in.
Total precip. for last Nov.		117.0 mm 4.6 in.
Snow on ground Nov 30	0	
Snow on ground last Nov. 30	0	
Total snowfall Nov. 1 to Nov. 30		1 cm in.
Days mostly sunny	11	
Days with snow or rain	15	
Days with thunder storms	0	
Days with freezing rain	2	

November was a little different this year. Only a trace of snow and much warmer than normal. In fact, the month was the warmest in the past 50 years. The average temperature at this station was 4.5 degrees C (40.1F), compared to 0 degrees C last November and 3.2 C the year before.

Very little snow this month. There was 23 centimetres last November but nothing on the ground by the end of the month.

There was a number of rainy days, but no heavy rain storms. There were also plenty of sunny, warm days to keep us happy. Due to fog, there was no show of meteorites, but a great show of Northern Lights on the evening of November 5.

Trivia: Showers in the morning are like old folks dancing. They never last long.



County of Haliburton

911 Road Naming Deadline Established

The County of Haliburton passed a resolution at its meeting of November 28th, 2001, regarding the naming of private roads as part of a program to establish 911 in the County. The resolution states that the closing date for acceptance of name submissions will be **January 1st, 2002**. Thereafter, it will be strictly at the sole discretion of the County or one of the Township Road Naming Committees, that there be any further involvement by the public in the naming process.

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Request for Proposals



The Heart Connection is currently seeking submissions from individuals or firms interested in developing a new visual identity that better reflects The Heart Connection's changing focus.

The Heart Connection is a community coalition promoting programs and activities designed to reduce the incidence of heart disease in the residents of Northumberland and Haliburton counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes. The project which receives funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, recently received a Health Canada grant to create diabetes prevention programs.

The successful candidate would be responsible for facilitating the development of a name change and logo design that better reflects the coalition's concentration on the prevention of chronic diseases through a focus on healthy lifestyles. The selected candidate would conduct research and contact other community projects. Based on the findings, recommendations would be presented to The Heart Connection's Executive for consideration. Further input on short listed selections would then be gathered by conducting focus group testing with members of the three communities.

The process would begin January, 2002 and must be completed March 31, 2002.

Interested individuals/firms are asked to provide a proposal that includes details about the processes, production timelines and costs. Proposals must also include three references, preferably reflecting similar work as requested in this proposal. Please submit proposals by **December 17, 2001** to Kim Bergeron, HKPR District Health Unit, 200 Rose Glen Road, Port Hope, ON L1V 3V6, (905) 885-9100, ext. 264, fax: (905) 885-9551.

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Recycling Collection

Commercial establishments will receive City recycling collection. LIMITS APPLY. Up to 10 recycling bins or two wheeled cart of recyclables will be collected from each commercial location each week. Establishments generating recyclables in large quantities are required to make their own arrangements for collection. Containers and papers will be collected on alternating weeks.

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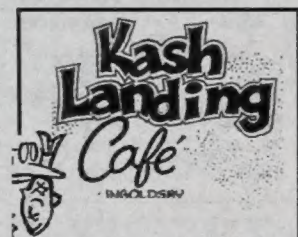
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WINNIFRED EDITH BARNUM Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden, on Friday, December 7, 2001, in her 92nd year.

Beloved wife of the late Clayton Barnum, dear mother of Terry and his wife Norma of Haliburton. Loving grandmother of Kevin and his wife Claudia of Kingston, Rick and Susan of Barrie. Dear sister of the late Albert LaRue and Mary Cameron. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, December 10, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. Interment at West Guilford Baptist Church Cemetery. Reception to follow at the West Guilford Community Centre. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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If you are interested, kindly contact the Township of Minden Hills at 286-1260 or write to Box 359, Minden, K0M 2K0.

If you think you might like to help out from time to time without sitting on the Advisory Committee, museum co-ordinator Carol Miles would be delighted to hear from you. There is always lots to do - cataloguing artifacts on the computer, baking for fund-raising events, gardening or painting, researching and setting up exhibits and more. We would certainly appreciate your help - whether it is for a few hours or a few weeks. Contact Carol at 286-3588.

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Amateur photographers sought for naturalists contest ...

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Seasons, published quarterly by FON, is an award-winning nature and environment magazine which features exceptional nature photography and in-depth articles about natural history and current environmental issues in Ontario.

This year's contests categories include Flora, Fauna, Ontario wilderness, Shapes and Colours and in Accord with Nature. As well, Best in Show and Best Newcomer awards will be chosen from among all of the entries received. The winning photos will appear in Seasons and on our website, www.ontarionature.org

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For more details, please call 1 (800) 440-2366 ext. 223 or in the Toronto area (416) 444-8419. The contests entry form can also be found on our website.

The Federation of Ontario Naturalists (FON) protects Ontario's nature through research, education, and conservation action. FON champions woodlands, wetlands and wildlife, and preserves essential habitat through its own system of nature reserves. FON is a charitable organization representing 15,000 members and 115 member groups across Ontario.

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This year's Nature Poetry Contest is open

to children, too! Writers from across the province will have the opportunity to win exciting prizes and have their work judged by a panel of professional writers and educators. First place winners will have their entry published in Seasons and also posted on our website, www.ontarionature.org

Contest categories include entrants ages 8-10 years, 11-13, 14-17 and adult (age 18 and over). Entries must be written in English with an Ontario nature or conservation theme. Length is four stanzas or 24 lines (whichever is shorter) or a series of themed poems equaling this length. The deadline for entries is February 15, 2002.

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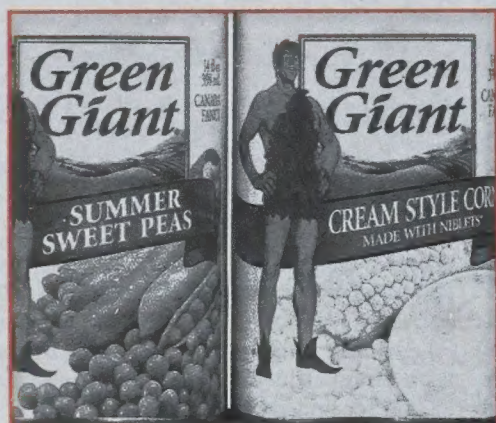
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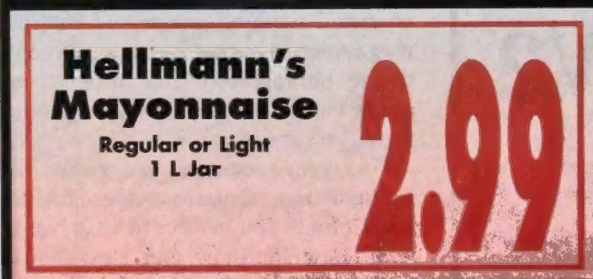
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